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The April storm was one of the most disastrous of recent years. Nearly the whole coast of the North Atlantic was strewn with wrecks and the loss of life was very great. The stoutest ships found difficulty in weathering the storm.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### THE WORLD'S FEDERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

The destiny of the future is in the hands of the young people of the present. This thought led to the holding of a Congress of Representative Youths last summer in the Art Institute in Chicago during the sessions of the Auxiliary Congresses of the World's Columbian Exposition.

Of all the numerous Congresses held in Chicago, numbering in all two hundred and ten, and embracing nearly every topic of discussion and consideration, no one Congress up to that date was more enthusiastically welcomed or more largely attended than the Congress of Representative Youths, except the Woman's Congress.

There were forty-five hundred accredited delegates, and representative men and women from many parts of the world sent kindly greetings.

This movement seemed to bind the young people of the world in one common brotherhood as the delegates were appointed from Europe, Asia, Australia and the West Indies. Many were unable to come but the principle of brotherly love and peace was nevertheless conveyed by the appointment, acceptance and message. It has been therefore considered best by the leaders of that Congress, to carry on an extension of the movement, a perpetuation of that work, under the title of The World's Federation of Young People, and classify the organization with departments of Religion, Education, Temperance, Peace and Arbitration, Literature, Art and Music. Eligibility to the position of delegate to succeeding Congresses (which it is proposed to hold) will be decided by a competitive examination on any one of the subjects comprised in the department of which the aspirant is a member.

At the close of the Congresses, The World's Congress Auxiliary was made permanent under the name of the World's Congress Fraternity and each of the more than two hundred committees (with its own great achievements) was requested to continue its labors in any direction it chose. This new organization is therefore only carrying out the wish of the president, Mr. C. C. Bonney.

The officers of this organization are Rev. F. Frederick Bliss, President; Miss Alice M. Guernsey, Vice-President; Mrs. Mary Frost Ormsby, Secretary; Mr. W. T. Hughes, Treasurer; also an Executive Committee.

The Department of Peace in this Youths' Federation is under the charge of Mrs. Ormsby. It is her desire to organize the young people into Peace Legions and all the many delegates who came to the Youths' Congress last summer will be charter members of the Federation.

The Peace flag that she presented to them at the Congress will be the banner of the legions and the badge of the members.

Peace meetings of young people will be held; peace literature, as far as possible, distributed, and peace principles disseminated.

Military training in schools will be disapproved of by the members of the Peace Legions who are to promise not to join military companies.

Membership in the Peace Society of Young People will mean membership in the Federation and will entitle the young person to all the privileges of the organization.

At the earliest possible date a rally of the members will be held in Chicago.

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was not for their native lands alone that Plato, Descartes, and Kant dived so deeply into the science of philosophy. Shakespeare and Molière, after having been the delight of their contemporaries, have for us still the same charm; and the great writers, who in the olden days made the names of Athens and Rome illustrious, not only served their own countries well, but their works are still a study and wonder of Europe. To conclude, the incomparable painters and sculptors of whom Greece, Italy, and France are so proud, have not, in dying, ceased to be serviceable to men. Thanks to the marvellous progress in the art of engraving, their artistic influence has never been greater.

You will perceive, also, that in the same way moral progress is advanced. For it cannot be without advantage to your own personal improvement that you are a witness of acts of devotion, courage, perseverance, loyalty, even of simple politeness, or that you have read an account of them; thus individuals exercise a moral influence upon each other. It was not in vain that millions of slaves and serfs, ground down under the hand of tyrannical masters, have watered with their blood a soil which bore nothing for them; it has not been in vain that thousands of Christians, victims of religious persecutions, were burnt at the stakes of the Middle Ages. In all times these sad excesses have revolted the consciences of all true and right-minded people, and public opinion growing stronger from age to age has at last asserted itself, and has brought about the triumph of that justice and liberty which we enjoy to-day without having suffered in order to obtain it.

Thus it may be seen how many bonds unite men through space and time, and how all men — those who are alive to-day, and those who are no longer with us — form but one single family.

Take a handful of earth from the first field you come to; there is not one of these little grains of dust, not one of these little pebbles in your hand, but recalls the labors of our forefathers. Their ploughshare has often turned them over, the land all around has become fertile by the sweat of their brow. Whole generations of workers have spent themselves in breaking up, cleaning and fertilizing the soil, of which we enjoy the fruits, egoists as we are, without a thought of those to whom we owe them. The corn which makes our bread, the vegetables, fruits, numberless plants, domestic animals — the companions of our toil and furnishing food for our table — all these things have been patiently acquired by our fathers, whose fortunate heirs we are. Even the simplest article of clothing and the commonest cooking utensil are the outcome of a long series of persevering efforts,